A damned death!
Let gallows gape for dog, let man go free,
And let not hemp his wine-pipe suffocate :
But Exeter hath given the doom of death,
For *pix* of little price.
Therefore, go speak, the duke will hear thy voice:
And let not Bardolph's vital thread be cut

So, in The Downfall of Robert Earl of Huntington, 1601:

"Then with this hallow'd crucifix,
"This holy wafer, and this *pix*."

That a *pix* and a *pax* were different things, may also be seen from the following passage in The History of our Blessed Lady of Loretto, 12mo. 1608, p. 595 : "—a cup, and a sprinkle for holy water, &*pix* and a *pax*, all of excellent chrystal, gold and amber."

Again, in Stowe's Chronicle, p. 677: "—palmes, chalices, crosses, vestments, *pixes, paxes*, and such like." STEEVENS.

Pix is apparently right. In Henry the VIIth's will it is said: "Forasmoch as we have often and many tymes to our inwarde regrete and displeasure seen at our len, in diverse many churches of our reame, the holie sacrament of the aulter, kept in ful simple, and inhonest *pixes*, spicially *pixes* of coppre and tymbre ; we have appointed and comaunded the treasurer of our chambre, and maistre of our juell-houss, to cause to be made forthwith, *pixes* of silver and gilt, in a greate nombre, for the keeping of the holie sacrament of the aultre, after the faction of a *pixe* that we have caused to be delivered to theim. Every of the said *pixes* to be of the value of *mil.* garnished with our armes, and rede roses and poart-colis crowned." P. 38. REED.

The old copies have *pax*, which was a piece of board on which the image of Christ on the cross ; which the people used to kiss after the service was ended.

I have adopted Mr. Theobald's emendation, for the reason which he assigns.

Holinshed (whom our author followed) says, "a foolish soldier stole a *pixe* out of a church, for which cause he was apprehended, and the king would not once more remove till the *box* was restored, and the offender *strangled*."

The following, as Mr. Tyrwhitt has elsewhere observed, is one

of the Ordinances des Battailes, 9 R. II.:

** *Item,* que nul soit si hardi cle toucher le corps de noster Seigneur, ni *le vessel en quel il est,* sur peine cFesstre trainez et *pendu,* et le teste $voir coupe." MS. Cotton, Nero, D 6,